

The Forum

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April 10 TGoM meeting planned for Arms & Armor workshop

Be sure to set your calendar so that Wednesday, April 10 is the day you attend The Guild of Metalsmith's membership meeting. The folks at Arms & Armor will be giving an overview on their company, what they make, and how they make it. Their workshop will be the scene, located at 1101 Stinson Blvd in Minneapolis.

TGoM will meet there at 6:30 pm for potluck dinner, with the presentation by Arms & Armor staff following a quick business meeting. This should prove to be a fascinating evening. You're likely to see items like the two pictured on this page and how they're created. But don't forget to bring your own show n tell items too!

Arms & Armor, founded in 1982, crafts a variety of items in the Medieval and Renaissance styles. It was founded by Chris Poor, a former professional joustier with a life-long interest in weapons and armor. Chris's first-hand experience and scholarly research will provide us with a working knowledge of weapons and armor. Visit their website: <http://www.armor.com>.

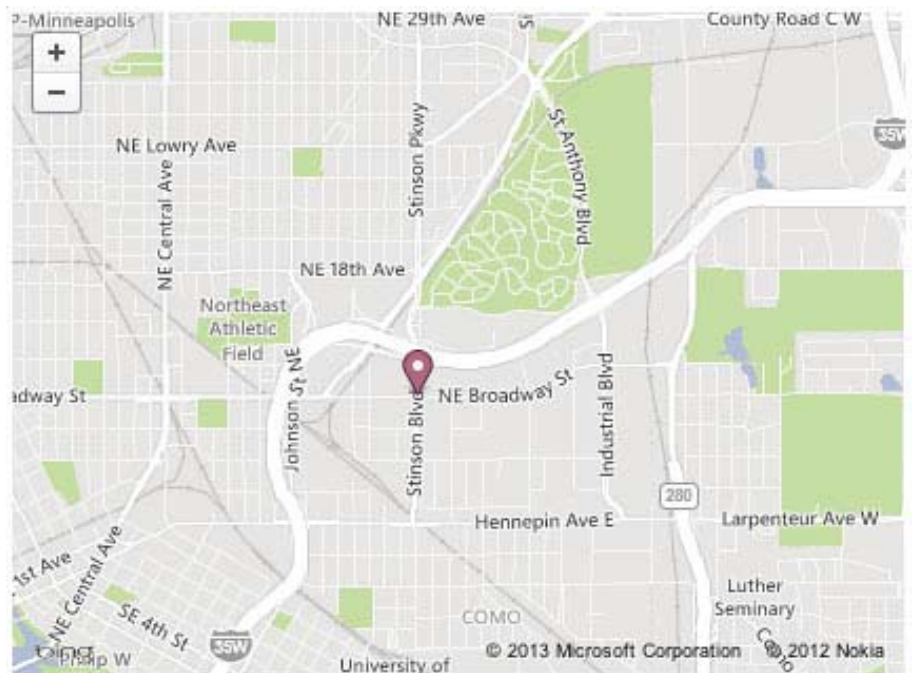
There is a parking lot behind the building. Parking is also available at "Metler Auto" across the street and on the street as well.

NOTE: If you have questions about this meeting, please contact the meeting champion, Marty Hicks, at 651-402-0899. Email marty@hixwerx.com.



See you there!

Arms & Armor is located on the corner of Broadway and Stinson Blvd.



'Guild gear' is here!

Have you found your wardrobe woefully bereft of hammer or anvil-themed shirts? Have you been sipping a mug of your favorite French Roast coffee and thought, "You know, this would taste a lot better if my mug had the logo of my favorite metalworking 501C3 organization?" Well, friends, now you can do something about it.

The Guild has opened a "store" on Café Press, a website where you can set up your logo to be printed on shirts, mugs, glasses, and other goods for purchase. It allows us to make Guild merchandise available to the membership without the major outlay of cash and volunteer effort needed to sell them in a more traditional way. The Guild gets a small amount of money on each item, but mostly it is a way to make things readily available. There are currently two images available. One is our tried and true Guild logo with an improved, slightly rounded peen. The other is an anvil-in-an-anvil (double anvil) design made and donated by Chris Rand. Going forward, if people come up with additional original designs they would like to see available, it will be easy to add to the store. Here's the link to the online store:

<http://www.cafepress.com/TheGuildofMetalsmiths>

Our neighborhood of smiths

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Visit <http://www.umbaonline.ning.com>

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Never return them to library - www.umbaonline.ning.com

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Jim Tweet
715-557-5236

Newsletter editor: John Grump
715-835-0894

jtweet01@yahoo.com

johngrump@att.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month. Potluck at noon with meeting to follow.

Contacts are:

Charley Brown, President, CharleyRB@charter.net, 218-428-7906

Dave Hanson, Vice-President, Daveforge1@aol.com, 218-721-4572

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month, often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith for 320-monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com. The Northern Minn. Metalsmith's website is www.nmmetalsmiths.org

2013 NMM Conference is April 27 & 28. Demonstrators are Karl Andersen and Doug Swenson.

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meet on the first Monday of each month. Potluck followed by demo. Locations are different every month so please call or write for info. Contacts are:

President: Ken Zitur
1-320-746-2557
ken@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson
16777 Co Rd 75 NW
Clearwater MN 55367
1-320-558-6898



New Members, March 2013

Gary Brown, Hersona Beach, CA
Gabriel Jungroth, Monticello, MN
Emma & Max Ferrie, Baxter, MN
Erik Kvale, Hudson, WI

Open Forge - Open House Saturday, March 23, 2013--10 am to 5 pm Ken's Custom Iron-- www.kensiron.com

Ken & Mary Lou Zitur

37634 County Rd 9

Avon MN 56310

320-746-8161 ken@kensiron.com

(from Interstate 94 take exit 153 & go north 5 miles. They are on the right side of the road, Fire #875)

ABANA Announcement:

Forge 300 July 4-7 in Nova Scotia!

Join blacksmiths from around the world for Forge300, an international blacksmithing event held in the reconstructed 17th century French Fortress of Louisbourg, located on the stunning island of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Canada.

2013 marks the 300th anniversary of the Fortress of Louisbourg; the largest historical reconstruction project in North America. Louisbourg300, is a grand fête celebrating the founding of Ile Royale--modern day Cape Breton Island--with Louisbourg as its capitol.

Held within the awesome Fortress of Louisbourg, from July 4-7, 2013, Forge300 will bring together top professional blacksmiths from around the world to celebrate the craft and culture of traditional and contemporary blacksmithing during the Louisbourg300 celebration. Blacksmiths from near and far will be travelling to Cape Breton to participate and some of the demonstrating smiths include: Lorelei Sims, Michael Budd, Peer Meerding and John Mason.

To register for the event or to obtain more information please visit www.cbblacksmiths.com or contact the Cape Breton Blacksmiths Association at 902 756 4766 or info@cbblacksmiths.com

ABANA Convention News

To help celebrate ABANA's 40th Anniversary, the first ever ABANA Convention will be held at the Historic Westville Village in Lumpkin, Georgia and at the Convention Center in Columbus, Georgia on March 15-17, 2013. Details here: <http://www.abana.org/Conventions/2013Convention.shtml>

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Use TGoM's website as tool to keep informed!

The Guild of Metalsmiths maintains our own website, a fact that most of you already know. As we go more and more paperless, we'll use our website as a tool to help our members and the rest of the world keep informed on activities, educational opportunities, and all the information we can pile into the pages. Please take advantage of this technology to spread the word about "TGoM!"

<http://www.metalsmith.org>

Struck Tools Workshop

Date Saturday, April 6, 2013

Instructor: Jim Scott

Class size: 8

Time 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$50

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map below)

The day will include: **preparing a punch, a slitting chisel and a drift.** These are normal length (6 to 8 inches) hand held tools without handles. We will be hand forging as individuals. We will heat treat using oil. Material used will be GM automotive coil spring stock, presumed to be 5160 alloy.

You will need: **your pet hammer, a second hammer for striking tools, hearing and eye protection and proper clothing.**

Many of the Guild members have participated in the beginning blacksmith classes. I (Herb) believe a valuable opportunity for follow on training is the preparation and restoration of tools. Blacksmiths need basic comfort with restoring and heat treating struck tools. For background, go to the meetings and ask those who have participated in the past Jim Scott classes. They will be quite enthusiastic. Jim will offer this comfort in a one day workshop at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing on April 6, 2013. The stock and expertise is supplied by Jim. Arrangements made by Herb Fick.

Wrap your contact information in a check for \$50 written to The Guild of Metalsmiths. Send the package to:

Herb Fick

519 East Eighth Street

Northfield, MN 55057-2508

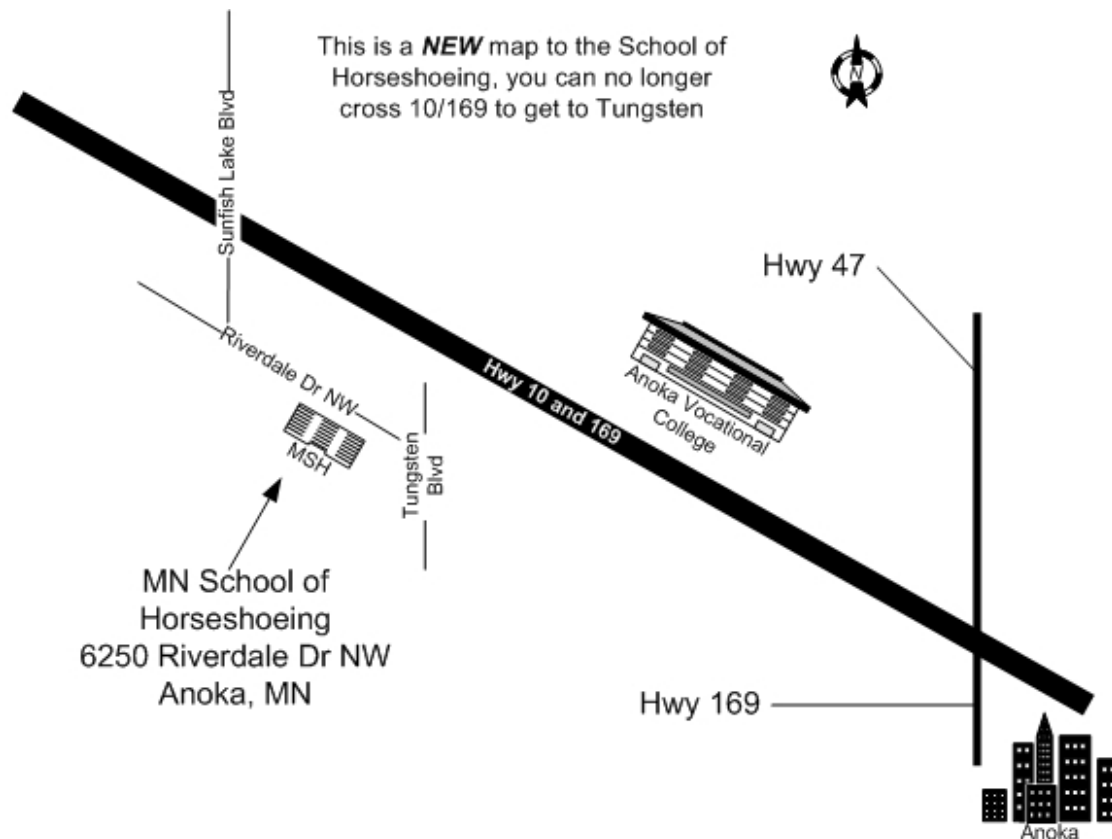
Contact Herb:

herb@phyque.com

507 663 0569

507 649 1611 (cell)

Acceptance priority for the class is determined by postmark. **Because we ask Jim to travel considerable distance to offer this class, early registration is encouraged.**



Guillotine Tool Workshop is full!

Date: April 20, 2013

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Instructors: Martin Pansch blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

Jim Moenck jrmoenck@yahoo.com

Mokume Quarters Class

When: Saturday, April 13, 2013, 8:30 am to 4 pm

Where: Dave Gavin's shop
N6768 720th St
Beldenville WI 54003 (map below)

Instructors: Dave Gavin, Jesse Gavin

Class fee: \$65

Class level: Intermediate

Class size: 8 max.

Description: Tax time is almost upon us. Let's use money as our raw materials. Each student will make 2 billets from provided quarters (which are not worth a nickel any more). One will become a thin disk, the other a square bar. You will then manipulate the billet to bring out the pattern.

Tools: Tongs - pick up, flat, 1/2" square, 3/8" square, hammers, chisels, hacksaw, jewelers saw, flatter, touch mark

Safety equipment: safety glasses and earplugs are mandatory. Other items that could be brought include cotton clothing, gloves, leather shoes or boots.

Lunch: Bring sack lunch or town is 4 miles away.

To register: Send a check for \$65 written to Guild of Metalsmiths to:
Jesse Gavin
N8214 330th Street
Spring Valley WI 54767
Please include: your name, address, phone number, & email address

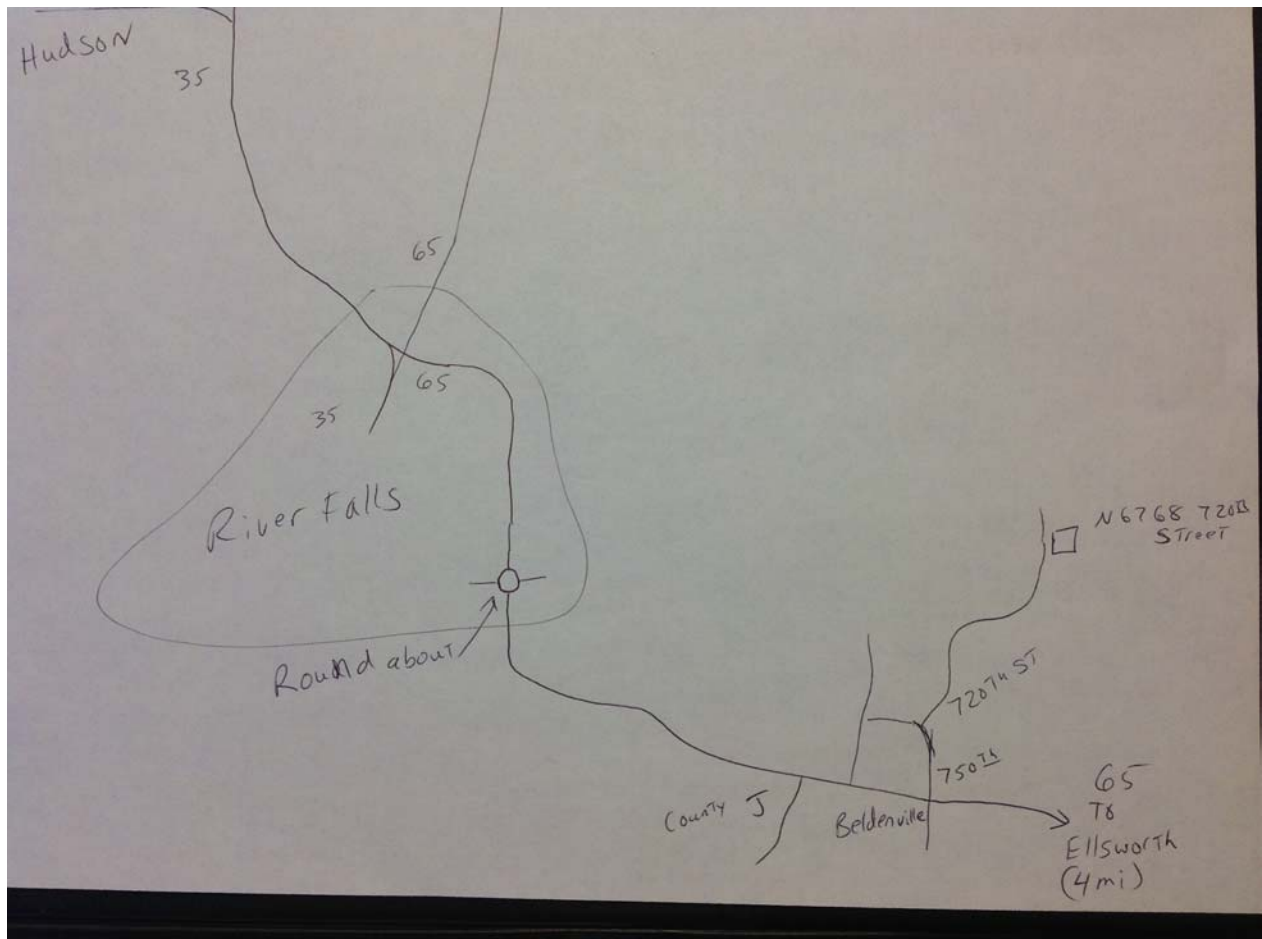
Contact with questions:

Jesse Gavin

1-715-808-5891

jagavin6273@hotmail.com

Map to Dave Gavin's shop



Linders Specialty Co. hosted February 13 TGoM meeting

If you missed the February Guild meeting, you missed a fascinating encounter with some in-your-face examples the metal industry's uniqueness. Linders Specialty Co. hosted our group, gave us a special tour of their facility, and afforded us an actual demonstration of how their CNC plasma cutter creates artistic metal shapes in grand scopes. Take a gander at the photos on this page to see a small sample of what this huge evening included.

We gratefully thanked the Linders family for this special evening. They have generously donated to past Guild annual Fall Conference auctions and to the "found art" wagon.

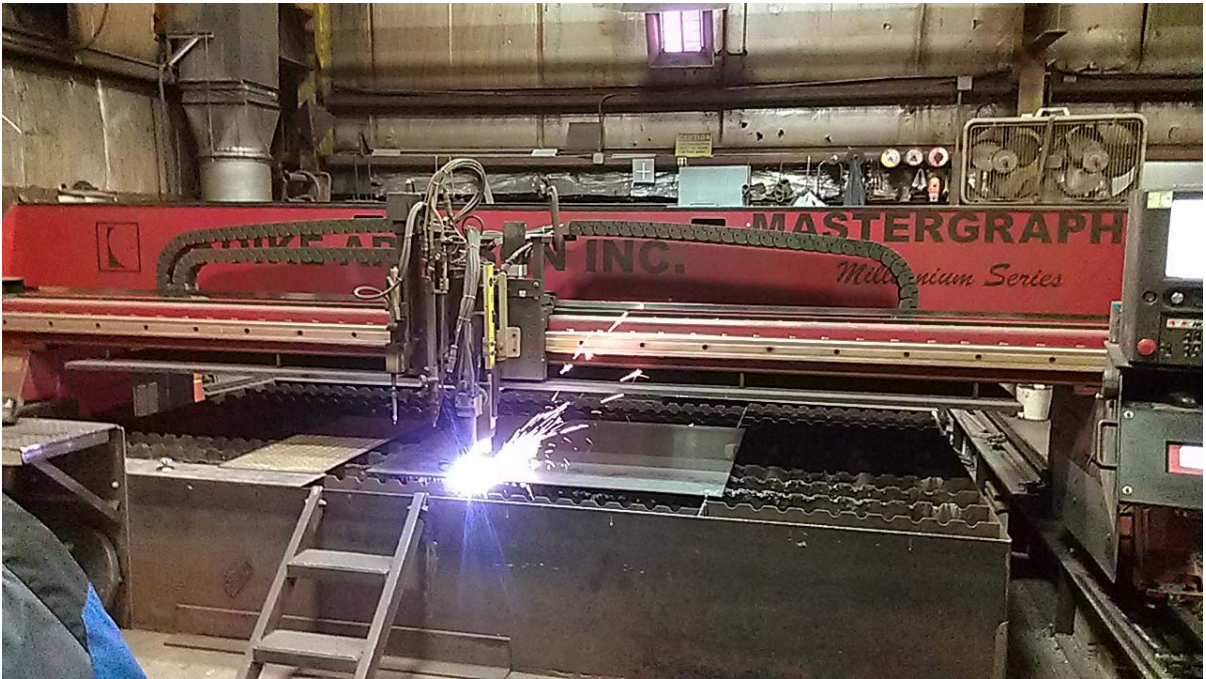


Vince Linders welcomed us and led a tour of the facility.



One of the operators fired up the plasma cutter.

CNC Plasma Cutters used for cutting artistic metal shapes and custom parts.



Final result of plasma cutting demo.

Guild members watched the process in action.



2013 Fall Conference Teaser!

As part of this year's Fall Conference, the Guild will be holding a **Bottle Opener Contest** open to all Guild members!

Hand forged, cast, or fabricated metal openers will be considered for \$200 in prize money. The prize money will be split three ways, first prize receiving \$100.

Let's see your traditional or creative openers.

All entries will be donated to the Guild auction Saturday night at the conference. Details to follow.



Openers from 2012 ABANA Conference Gallery

BRONZE POUR

...coming soon



Bronze Pour II: \$85

Marty Hicks, Host

- ✓ April 13: Informal pattern making workshop. Free. Get an idea of the type of molds we'll be making and what's possible for our 2nd Bronze Pour.
- ✓ May 4 & 5: mold making.
- ✓ May 11: Bronze Pour II.



News from Tunnel Mill

Tunnel Mill is located 85-100 miles south of the Twin Cities in the country five miles north of Spring Valley, MN on County Road 1.

Contact for class registration:

Carol and John Adams

507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246

Email: jc-adams@msn.com

Website: www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Check out the slate of classes at Tunnel Mill for 2013!

Many classes are already planned for 2013, starting in April.

- ☞ Tom Latane', April 11, 12 & 13, 2013, Forging a Steel Body Plane
- ☞ Kitty Latane', April 12 and or the 13, 2013, Beginning Tinwork; Take a 1 or 2 day class
- ☞ Build and Bake in a Portable Brick Oven May 4, and June 8, 2013
- ☞ Bob Fredell, June 28, 29 & 30, 2013, Crucifix Making Workshop
- ☞ Nathan Robertson - August 3, 2013, Hand Hammer and— August 4, 2013 Sledge Hammer
- ☞ Ric Furrer - August 23,24 and 25, 2013, Wootz Crucible Steel

To see full details, color photos, and how to register, visit their website at: <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>

Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- Education Committee meeting dates vary. Contact Martin Pansch, chair, for the next meeting.
- Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month.
- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December for the holiday gathering. For most meetings a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate).
- All board meetings are the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Potluck meal begins at 6:30, with meeting starting at 7 pm.



Events in March, 2013

- March 2, Intermediate Blacksmithing class Part III, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 9, Beginning Blacksmithing C3 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 13, Guild board meeting
- March 23, Beginning Blacksmithing C4 class, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in April, 2013

- April 6, Struck Tools Workshop, MN School of Horseshoeing
- April 10, Guild membership meeting at Arms & Armor, 1101 Stinson Blvd. NE, Minneapolis--NOT Oakeshott Institute!
- April 13, Mokume Quarters Class, Dave Gavin's shop in Beldenville WI.
- * April 13, Bronze Pour II - first event, informal pattern making.
- April 20, Guillotine Tool Workshop, Hixwerks Shop, Class FULL!

Events in May, 2013

- * May 4 & 5, Bronze Pour II mold making
- * May 11, Bronze Pour II main event

ELECTRONIC FORUM

If you have not been receiving an email notification that The Forum is available, please verify that we have your correct email address. Contact Gordon Barr at agbarr@aol.com.

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Send \$30 dues to the address below. Please circle if you want to be listed in our membership directory and/or check items you don't want listed.

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 11423
St. Paul MN 55111

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All memberships are family memberships. Persons of all ages, professionals and hobbyists, are invited to join. We do not sell our mailing list.



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**Forum deadline for April 2013: Monday,
March 18, 2013**

The deadline for content in The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. Please send items for April, 2013 by Monday, March 18, 2013 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by email to:
gldmyers@embarqmail.com

The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web:

Visit our website at <http://www.metalsmith.org>

Looking for something? **Try the search engine.** On our home page, at the top of the right sidebar, enter your query and click on “Search.”

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Your membership expires at the date & month next to your name. Please send your renewal dues to the above address.

The Guild of Metalsmiths, St. Paul, MN, publishes The GoM Forum monthly. It is intended as a tool to further our educational mission, to keep members up to date on current happenings, to publicize projects and workshops, a place for all members to express their opinions, concerns, learn more about each other—in short, to help us run our organization.

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Guild educational grants

There is grant money available for Guild members to study intermediate and advanced metalworking techniques.

The Guild educational grant program is designed to bring new skills into the metalworking community. Participants are given money to pay for a portion of their expenses and are expected to learn some new or poorly understood skill, and then to share what they have learned with other members and the public through an article in our quarterly magazine, “The Metalsmith.” They’re also expected to lead a workshop on the topic (or other educational service approved by the board).

Application forms are available from the president or treasurer at a regular meeting, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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